

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROTECTING PRIVACY AND ENHANCING DIGITAL COMPETITION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I wish to raise the need for congressional action in two areas that are critical for the privacy rights of Americans and the economic competitiveness of American companies and startups. We need a comprehensive privacy law to protect Americans in commercial contexts, and we need to reform surveillance laws relating to government collection of personal information.

As a Representative of Silicon Valley, I'm proud of the countless innovations my constituents have brought forward that improve the lives of billions of people, but I also recognize that our country needs a comprehensive privacy law. In November 2019, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN and I first introduced the Online Privacy Act to protect individuals, encourage innovation, and take a major step towards restoring trust in technology. We are preparing to reintroduce this bill in the coming days. Our legislation creates privacy rights for users, places clear privacy obligations on companies, establishes a Digital Privacy Agency (DPA) to enforce privacy protections and investigate abuses, and strengthens enforcement by empowering state attorneys general to enforce privacy violations and allowing individuals to appoint nonprofits to represent them in private class-action lawsuits. Importantly, the U.S. is the only industrialized country that lacks an agency focused on privacy law. Our legislation fixes that issue.

We must also reconsider laws that authorize the Intelligence Community to collect and process personal information. Having served for nearly a decade on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have a deep regard for our national security needs. However, I also recognize how our needs have evolved and how authorizations Congress enacted two decades ago have been abused. Specifically, we must limit the collection and retention of surveillance data under Executive Order 12333 regarding intelligence surveillance and Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). I've joined proposals to reform these laws in the past and I believe Congress must prioritize these issues, not only to protect privacy but also because they directly impact our economy.

In 2015, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) struck down an agreement between the U.S. and EU known as Safe Harbor. In explaining its decision to invalidate the agreement, the Court cited concerns with lack of judicial redress and EU citizens' fundamental rights to privacy, codified in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. In response to the invalidation of this agreement, the U.S. and EU came to another data agreement known as Privacy Shield with stronger privacy protections. In July 2020 the ECJ struck down this

agreement too, again due to the breadth of U.S. surveillance laws. Plainly put, the ECJ ruling highlights that EU citizens—and Americans—cannot easily challenge the uses of their data by our Intelligence Community using our judicial system. The decision harms U.S. companies by creating uncertainty in the market and restricting access to data that many small businesses, startups, and other companies rely on to remain competitive.

I have joined efforts by Representatives LOFGREN and MASSIE to reform Section 702 of FISA to prohibit the warrantless search of online communications and prohibit the federal government from pressuring companies to build encryption “backdoors,” and I intend to keep fighting for these needed reforms.

I urge my colleagues to pass legislative reforms to surveillance laws that respect privacy and enable American economic competitiveness, while also respecting our national security needs. We must devote our energies to achieving these objectives.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL PAT HAMILTON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of Major General Pat Hamilton as he transitions into his richly-deserved retirement. His dedication to our beloved nation and his community in Round Rock, Texas is the reflection of a true and devoted public servant.

With his altruistic spirit and high-minded vision, MG Hamilton is a trusted leader and proud warrior. Throughout his military career, he brought his tremendous talents and commitment to excellence to every challenge he encountered. His extraordinary work did not go unnoticed as he was awarded our nation's highest honors, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal. His efforts have been critical in maintaining the U.S. military's reputation as the world's greatest fighting force.

MG Hamilton's commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities to improve his community is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of a true and devoted public servant. His resume tells the story of a man unafraid to contribute both his time and energies to a multitude of organizations that rely on volunteerism and social engagement to make good communities great. His commitment to public service represents the best values of Central Texas.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Major General Pat Hamilton as he starts this new chapter of his life. On behalf of Central Texas, I

thank him for his superb work and wish him the very best.

SUPPORTING THE U.S. FLAGGED FLEET

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the U.S. flagged merchant fleet and the men and women of the US merchant marine who work every day to support our military and our nation. We are now seeing firsthand how important maritime transportation is to our supply chain and the health of our economy.

Our U.S. flagged fleet responds when called upon to aid in disasters and emergencies, moves critical government and military cargo around the world, and carries essential humanitarian aid to help people in need across the globe.

Madam Speaker, programs like the Maritime Security Program and the Tanker Security Program enjoy bipartisan support in Congress because they help ensure we retain both a strong commercial maritime capability that enhances our national security and a critical military capability should we need it in times of conflict. We must do all we can to strengthen our fleet and support our mariners.

HONORING MICHAEL CHANDLER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, the Commonwealth of Virginia mourns the loss of Officer Michael Chandler of the Big Stone Gap Police Department. Officer Chandler was killed in the line of duty on November 13, 2021, at the age of 29. Though he was taken too soon, he lived a selfless life of service and commitment to the rigorous calling of law enforcement.

Officer Chandler was a native of Big Stone Gap. As a student at Powell Valley High School, he played football and scored the last touchdown in the school's history before it subsequently merged into Union High School. He graduated in 2011 and began service in 2015 with the Big Stone Gap Fire Department. In 2019, Officer Chandler joined the Big Stone Gap Police Department. He was a distinguished public servant who put his life on the line every day as he courageously served, protected, and defended those around him. While on duty on his 29th birthday, he gave the ultimate sacrifice. Officer Chandler was shot while performing a wellness check in Wise County. He was initially transported to Norton Community Hospital before being flown

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to Johnson City Medical Center, where he passed away.

Officer Chandler was a loving father, husband, son, brother, and friend. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Wayne Chandler, and his grandparents. He is survived by his wife, Natasha Chandler; his daughter, Kamryn Elizabeth Chandler; his mother, Rebecca Ann Tipton, and her husband Eddie; his brothers, Chris Chandler, David Chandler, and his wife Kisha, and Tyler Chandler; his sister, Amanda Herron, and her husband Troy; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of other close relatives and friends.

The death of Officer Chandler is a grievous loss to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Wise County, and the Town of Big Stone Gap. I mourn his loss, yet I am grateful that he and the other men and women of law enforcement step forward to protect us knowing full well the risks they face. His bravery and selfless service will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING MR. PARVIZ KAMANGAR

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Parviz Kamangar for his dedication and service to the Central Valley.

Mr. Kamangar was instrumental in the funding and development of the Boys and Girls Club in Huron, an organization which was absent from the community until the involvement of Mr. Kamangar and his associates.

Aside from being pivotal in the development of the Boys and Girls Club, Mr. Kamangar has also provided scholarships to local students for years. Since 2013, he has helped provide 147 different scholarships to students.

Mr. Kamangar has been vital in providing much needed assistance throughout the community. He was an intricate part of the development of a new Animal Control Shelter in the City of Huron.

Recently, Mr. Kamangar generously donated to the Huron Community Enhancement Foundation, a local nonprofit organization, to assist in keeping the foundation operational. Mr. Kamangar also donated to the Huron Police Officers assigned to U.S. COPS anti-crime outreach program to allow for interactions with Huron youth.

Whether it be through his dedication to community service or his philanthropy, Mr. Kamangar is a vital member of the community within the 21st congressional district.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the incredible work done by Mr. Parviz Kamangar.

REMEMBERING ROB WARREN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life and works of my dear friend Robert Lorenz "Rob" Warren of Castro Valley, CA, gone far too soon.

Rob was born the youngest of five sons to Annette Garin Warren and Richard Stafford "Dick" Warren. Both sides of his family have called the East Bay home since the 19th Century; Garin Regional Park, established on his mother's family ranch, was the site of many a gathering as Rob grew up. Grandfather E. Guy Warren with his wife, Adair, had founded the family's ranch in Castro Valley's beautiful Cull Canyon, where Rob and his brothers maintained ranches and together ran a cattle company.

Rob attended Hayward's All Saints Elementary School and Moreau High School, and then the University of California, Davis and the U.C. Hastings College of the Law. At age 16, he was selected into the House of Representatives Page Program—an experience that led Rob to what would be his two lifelong loves, his wife and his devotion to public service. It was via fellow pages in 1994 at the Pendleton Rodeo that he met the one and only love of his life, Colleen O'Brien. They were married four years later sharing a passion for San Francisco, hosting big parties, travel, a tremendously close circle of friends, and raising children in a country environment. Together they built a home in Cull Canyon and were blessed with Julia and Max—the lights of their lives. The four laughed, cooked, skied and went on wonderful adventures together.

Rob was an Alameda County Assistant District Attorney, serving as advisor to the Civil Grand Jury for much of his career. His good-natured, easy-going, and hard-working personality was perfect for the job. His colleagues were central to his life.

Rob lived his belief in civic engagement, selflessly serving on the Boards of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, Alameda County 100 Club, Eden Hospital Medical Foundation and All Saints Masterplan. Rob was an Eagle Scout, served on the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and was a Past President of the Hayward Area Historical Society. In 2017 he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Law from Moreau High School.

As we grieve Rob's loss, I've come to realize that one of his legacies will be all the people he connected. These seemingly countless "Friends of Rob" will be ever grateful that he brought together so many of us and brightened our lives.

Rob Warren was the ultimate family man, loyal, smart, witty and a best friend to ever so many. Brittany and I are terribly sad that our new son, Hank Warren Swallow, will never meet and learn from Rob, who left us the same day Hank arrived. But in time we will realize our lives will have more integrity, loyalty, and laughter because we knew Rob, for he changed us all for the better. Rest in peace, my dear friend.

HOMETOWN HERO—BRUCE STACY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce Stacy of Colleyville, TX who served in the U.S. Army and received two silver stars in Vietnam.

Over the weekend, I had the honor of awarding Bruce the 2021 Congressional Vet-

eran Commendation. We honor Bruce for his courage and sacrifice in 1969, where he sustained serious wounds as he cleared many soldiers from an immediate area of assault by the enemy. He was later awarded two Purple Hearts after this conflict.

Bruce has always put others first and continues to make a lasting impact on the lives around him. It is an honor to recognize the distinguished veterans of TX 24, like Bruce, and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans through the Congressional Veteran Commendation. I thank Bruce for his service and the sacrifices he made to protect our great nation.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN CUBA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to provide context on my present vote on November 3rd for H. Res. 760. While I echo many of the sentiments in the resolution and appreciate Rep. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Rep. SIREN, and Rep. DIAZ-BALART efforts to draw attention to the rights of the Cuban people to protest their government and to condemn the Cuban government for its repressive actions, I share the concerns of my colleagues that the resolution would perpetuate the isolation of Cuba that the Obama administration worked to reverse. I stand firmly behind the people of Cuba as they fight for their rights, which is why I did not vote against the bill.

However, I believe that such a statement on U.S.-Cuba policy should also affirm a policy of engagement and reject the use of sanctions—like those applied by the Trump administration—that hurt the Cuban people and do nothing to support their democratic aspirations. Furthermore, I was disappointed that this resolution was brought to the floor under suspension of the rules and did not go through a markup on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, preventing the opportunity to include language that underscores our commitment to finding real solutions to the current impasse in U.S.-Cuba policy.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on a clear path forward that upholds human rights and democratic values while paving a way for practical engagement.

WISHES FOR PEACE BETWEEN ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, it has been over a year since the end of the 2020 44-day war between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This short, but furious and deadly, conflict stemmed from historical differences regarding geographic territory based on ethnicity and religion. I do not pretend to know the details of this conflict. The seeds for this conflict were

sown decades ago, perhaps even a century ago, with the advent of the Soviet Union as well as the decline of the Ottoman Empire.

Here is what I do know. The Armenians and the Azerbaijanis deserve to live and prosper in peace. Nations require territorial integrity. I am hopeful for the future that these two nations, both with a proud and great history, will be able to resume their relationship in peace and that the parties work, in good faith, to resolve their issues without bullets.

God bless the people there and through His will it is my hope peace will prevail.

HONORING JOHN LEEPER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of John Leeper of Dublin, Virginia, who passed away on October 2, 2021, at the age of 59. Mr. Leeper served his local community as a Police Officer with the Pulaski Police Department for over 29 years.

Mr. Leeper was born on December 25, 1961, in Washington, DC, to Walter Marue Leeper and Minnie Lamon Leeper. Before beginning his career with the police department, he served his country in the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army. He recently retired after spending a career selflessly serving others. In his 29 years with the Pulaski Police Department, Mr. Leeper was a well-known leader on the force and in the community. He never met a stranger and welcomed all with a smile.

Colleagues and community members remember Mr. Leeper for his kindness and dedication to the safety and security of his community. He trained numerous other officers and many colleagues looked upon him as a mentor. His hard work and service will not be forgotten.

Mr. Leeper was preceded in death by his mother, Minnie Lamon Leeper. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Mills Leeper; his son, Austin Leeper and his fiancée, McKayla Huff; his step-daughters, Hunter Riddle and Laura Reece; and his father, Walter M. Leeper. I would like to offer my condolences to them and the people of Pulaski County on the loss of this dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOHN C. HARRIS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John C. Harris for his dedication and service to the Central Valley.

Mr. Harris and his family's commitment to agriculture spans the past century. Harris Farms has grown into one of the largest agriculture businesses in the nation. Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant provides some of the highest quality beef in the United States, and they maintain an emphasis on hiring Coalinga-Huron Unified School District students.

Mr. Harris was instrumental in the funding and development of the Boys and Girls Club

in Huron, an organization which was absent from the community until the involvement of Mr. Harris and his associates.

Aside from being pivotal in the development of the Boys and Girls club, Mr. Harris has also provided scholarships to local students for years. Since 2013, he has helped provide 147 different scholarships to students.

Mr. Harris has been vital in providing much needed assistance throughout the community. Recently, he was an intricate part of the development of a new Animal Control Shelter in the City of Huron.

Whether it be through his dedication to community service, his philanthropy, or providing jobs to local students to help develop career skills, Mr. Harris is a vital member of the community within the 21st Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the incredible work done by Mr. John C. Harris.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK D. HARGROVE, SR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember Frank D. Hargrove, Sr., who passed away on October 16, 2021, at the age of 94. After serving in WWII in the Army Air Corps, Frank started his political career in the Virginia House of Delegates in 1981. He went on to serve for 28 years, which is the longest tenure of any state legislator in Hanover County's history.

Frank was an adventurous young man, he learned to fly planes as a teenager and, enlisted in the Army Air Corps after graduating high school. After his service, he attended Virginia Tech where he often reminisced about his adventures with his airplane over his studies. Upon graduating, he joined his father's insurance business. He was a brilliant businessman; he assembled a team, and together they built up A.W. Hargrove Insurance Agency. He grew what started as a small family business into one of the largest independent insurance agencies in Virginia before selling it in 1997.

When Frank married Oriana Robertson, she took credit for channeling his energy to productive ends. This same energy led Frank to teach himself to sail, pick-up long-distance biking and running, and be well known for his flying stories. In 1960, he and a group of friends promoted building the Hanover County Airport, which was eventually named after him in recognition of his work.

In 1981, Frank was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates where he loved making the government work for his constituents and believed their trust had to be earned every day. He represented his constituents by serving in leadership on different committees, one being the Vice-Chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee. One of his proudest accomplishments was serving as the legislative member on the Board of Trustees of the Virginia War Memorial, where he was instrumental in securing funding to restore the Memorial Shrine and Building and to create the education center and programs. He spent his off time supporting charitable organizations

and was especially proud of his work on the governing bodies of Ferrum College and Randolph-Macon College. Frank aligned his philosophy closely with that of Thomas Jefferson's maxim "the government that governs best, governs least". Although his constituents did not always agree with his stances, they continued to elect him until he retired.

Frank's life was filled with patriotism and public service. He will be missed for his direct manner, vice grip handshake, and storytelling. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Dale Alderman (Richard Alderman), Frank Jr. (Elizabeth), Stewart (Lynn), and Wellesley (Kim), and grandchildren Oriana (Douglas Fletcher), Stewart (Dana), Sarah, Mark (Amber), Frank III, Madeleine, Mollie, Hannah, Graeme, and Bailey, and one great-grandchild, Stewart.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Frank D. Hargrove, Sr.

HOMETOWN HERO—MERREL FRANKLIN (FRANK) ADAMS, JR.

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Merrel Franklin (Frank) Adams, Jr. of Southlake, TX who served in the U.S. Marine Corp and USMC Reserves during his 20 years of service.

Over the weekend, I had the honor of awarding Frank the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation. Frank courageously flew during the Vietnam War and served seven months with the infantry as a Forward Air Controller, Air Liaison Officer and Battalion Operations Officer.

Among many of Frank's accomplishments during his service, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross while flying the A4 Skyhawk, which saved American troops who were trapped by enemy fire, the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for repelling enemy attack and causing many enemy casualties and 6 Air Medals for missions over North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Frank also received the Purple Heart for injuries he received when he was shot down by enemy ground fire. When he ejected, he had to out-run and fire upon the enemy until he was rescued by a helicopter.

It is an honor to recognize the distinguished veterans of TX 24 and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans through the Congressional Veteran Commendation. I thank Frank for his service and the sacrifices he made to protect our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, regretfully, I was unable to vote on November 1st and 2nd. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 340; YEA on Roll Call No. 341; YEA on Roll Call No. 342; YEA

on Roll Call No. 343; YEA on Roll Call No. 344; YEA on Roll Call No. 345; YEA on Roll Call No. 346; YEA on Roll Call No. 347; YEA on Roll Call No. 348; YEA on Roll Call No. 349; YEA on Roll Call No. 350; YEA on Roll Call No. 351; YEA on Roll Call No. 352; and YEA on Roll Call No. 353.

HONORING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF PEP BOYS

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of a Philadelphia-founded institution: Pep Boys Auto Service and Tires. It was one hundred years ago that a group of Navy buddies with a passion for cars set out to make a living and, in the process, helped to invent the modern automotive aftermarket parts and service industry.

As the industry and consumer preferences have changed, so too has Pep Boys. First providing just car parts, then parts and repairs, and now making the shift to providing primarily automotive service for a growing population of American vehicles and fast-growing fleets.

To ensure there will be enough skilled technicians to keep our communities moving, Pep Boys also created a scholarship program for aspiring technicians, invested in training and, in a nod to its founders, pledged its loyalty and support to veterans causes.

Today, Pep Boys has nearly 1,000 locations across the country and is now once again looking to the future, investing in the ability to service electric vehicles. Pep Boys is committed to serving its customers and communities into the next century with its promise: We go further to help you go farther.

As the chair of the Auto Care Caucus and the representative for Philadelphia, I would like to recognize Pep Boys today before the United States House of Representatives.

THANKING MR. CALVIN WARE FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, on his retirement in September 2021, we rise today to thank Mr. Calvin Ware for his over 22 years of outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives as a member of the Logistics and Support Team.

Calvin began his career in 1990 working at the Smithsonian Institution, in the house-keeping department. He left to pursue other job opportunities, until he secured a job on Capitol Hill. Calvin first began working as a temporary employee with the Logistics Department in the Labor Room for about two years. He left for a brief period to work at Home Depot, then received a phone call from George Simler, a former Manager, who implored him to apply for a full-time opening in the Logistics Department. He was immediately hired, thus began his 22-year career with the

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

While he started in the Labor Room, Calvin was soon asked to work in the Rayburn Penthouse, where cages were stored with excess furniture, a position which required a level of responsibility and dependability. He moved around the organization, working for the Office Supply Store, reporting to John Hodges, Manager and Tom Coyne, Director.

Calvin proved himself to be a reliable employee, and as such, was tasked to work in the Logistics equipment room for several years, providing check-out access to Audio/Visual equipment, and the use of the government fleet of vehicles. It was in this position that he had a lot of access to Members and their staff. When this function was reassigned, Calvin moved over to become a Receiving and Warehousing Specialist tasked with checking on excess furniture in the hallways of the Congressional Buildings. Ironically, he is again reporting to his former Director, Tom Coyne, now the Chief Logistics Officer for Logistics & Support (L&S). It is in this position that Calvin will retire his career.

Calvin remembers back to the first CAO, Jay Eagen, who used to meet with the Logistics staff on a variety of issues. Jay developed a program for extended schooling for staff to complete their High School level education and to receive a diploma. While Calvin had previously attended Anacostia High School, he never completed his schooling. Through this opportunity, Calvin was able to complete and receive his diploma, and even considered going on to higher education, but instead elected to go to work full-time.

Calvin remembers fondly, his favorite boss, Freddie Bowles, Manager, Logistics, who retired a few years back. He credits Freddie with mentoring him and showing him the ropes. Some other bosses who also had a great impact on him were Bobby Small, Manager, Allen King, Supervisor, and Kevin Chambers, former Supervisor. He built many fond memories with this staff and credits them with enhancing his enjoyment of his government job.

One such memory that stands out is the time Mohamad Ali was scheduled to visit Capitol Hill. The entire campus was abuzz with excitement, and word was out that he was in the Cannon Caucus Room. He missed his first opportunity to see the legend but received a phone call later that day that he would be in the Capitol. When Calvin arrived for a shot of the fighter, there were mobs of people surrounding him. While on standby, he started talking to a coworker, who arranged for him to meet in a Member's office later that day, where he was able to meet the king in person had a special picture taken with Mohammed Ali and his daughter, Layla, who also became a boxer in her own right. He later met the famous singer, Glen Campbell, and ran into countless other singers and celebrities he could rarely get close to.

In reflecting over his long career, Calvin recalls just where he was on 9/11. Since he had a late arrival to work, he was home and did not have the news on. When he finally turned on the news, he saw the President talking about the unfolding tragedy. Unsure of his next move, Calvin decided to try and make it into work, but when he drew nearer to the Capitol complex, he saw the black smoke emanating from the Pentagon, and immediately turned around and returned home. Dur-

ing the Anthrax scare, Calvin and his team went to the undisclosed location and were tasked with building cubicles for the Members and their staff. Each Member had to have a full PC/monitor set up and Calvin was instrumental in unpacking and delivering these items and other supplies, ensuring the Legislative work of the House could successfully continue. During the earthquake of 10 years ago, Calvin was on Capitol Hill. Once he saw the room sway, he began to evacuate the building remembers the former Chief, Jerry Bennet, standing in the hallways until everyone was evacuated.

Calvin is a well-known lover of all types of music, and possesses a fine singing voice himself, honed by singing in the church choir. As a former football player, basketball player, and boxer, most people remember him as an ardent Washington Football Team fan. Calvin often came to work wearing remnants of the Washington gear and credits his love for football to his Dad, who used to play semi-Pro football, and engaged his young son into the sport. In retirement, Calvin would like to spend more time with his family, three sisters, and many children he helped to raise.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Calvin Ware for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish him many wonderful years in retirement and in pursuit of future endeavors.

HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE AND
SERVICE OF ROBERT G. MITCHELL

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic life of Navy veteran and former Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency Director, Bob Mitchell.

Bob Mitchell was born in 1936 in Saratoga Springs and graduated from Al Penney Police Academy. At the age of 17, Bob enlisted in the Navy in the midst of the Korean War. Bob was initially assigned to serve as a Signalman with Air Transport Squadron Five (VR-5) and played an important role in the occupation of Europe. Later in his career, Bob was assigned to the USS *Gainard*, the ship famously known for its participation in the Cuban Missile Crisis and its help with the Project Mercury space missions.

Bob finished up his twenty years of military service at the Navy Recruiting Station in Buffalo, New York. During his tenure in the Navy, Bob spent over five years in foreign or sea service and retired in 1973 with the rank of Petty Officer First Class. For his courageous service, Bob was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (6th award), and the Navy Occupational Service Medal with "E" Clasp.

After his retirement, Bob continued to dedicate his life to serving his country and community. He held positions with numerous community institutions and organizations, including the Saratoga Springs Police Department and the Saratoga County Sheriff Department. Eventually, Bob became the Director of the Saratoga County Veteran Service Agency. His tremendous work in this role created life

changing opportunities for the veterans he served. Bob organized numerous initiatives to support veterans and oversaw the creation of the Honor Deceased Veteran program. He was a true veteran's veteran.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of Bob Mitchell, and his brave and selfless service to his country and fellow veterans. It is my hope that his fearless spirit and bravery will be carried on by those who knew and loved him.

HOMETOWN HERO—RICHARD G.
STEWART, JR.

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard G. Stewart, Jr. of Irving, TX who served in the U.S. Navy. Over the weekend, I had the honor of awarding Richard the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Throughout his outstanding 24-year military service record, Richard was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, among many others. Richard retired from the Navy in 1994 and went on to serve his community in various more ways.

It is an honor to recognize the distinguished veterans of TX 24 and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans through the Congressional Veteran Commendation. I thank Richard for his service and the sacrifices he made to protect our great nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF PARACHUTE
RIGGER PETTY OFFICER 2ND
CLASS REBA ALEXANDER
MONCUS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary trailblazer, sailor, World War II veteran, and dedicated civil servant, Parachute Rigger Petty Officer 2nd Class (P/R 2) Reba Alexander Moncus, who was honored at Veterans Day Program for the American Legion Post 30 on November 11, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Reba Alexander Moncus was born November 30, 1921, in Berrien County, Georgia, to the union of the late Mr. J.H. and Mrs. Lodia Alexander. As a family of sharecroppers during the Great Depression, the Alexanders often moved around, and with money being scarce, the only food they purchased was the food they could not grow on their own. Because her family could not afford to buy schoolbooks for her studies, Reba had to drop out of school in the third grade. It was not until Ed Rivers became Governor of Georgia, that the state began furnishing free schoolbooks, and Reba was able to return to her studies. She attended six different schools in a three-county area, before graduating from high school at the age of 21. After high school, she

went to Thomaston, Georgia where she worked for Thomaston Mills, and after some time there, she realized that a life of drudgery working in a cotton mill was not the life she wanted to live.

On March 10, 1943, Reba answered the call to serve her nation and enlisted in the newly formed U.S. NAVY WAVES (Women Appointed for Volunteer Emergency Services), the women's branch of the U.S. Navy, and was the first woman to be recruited from the Albany, Georgia area. Upon enlisting, she started basic training at Hunter College in New York along with 10,000 other women on July 15, 1943. After Basic she was assigned to the Recreation Department onboard Naval Air Station Anacostia, in Washington, D.C. Reba was adamant about wanting to serve her country in every capacity and wanting to contribute to the World War II efforts, and after battling with the Navy Bureau of Personnel for four months, she finally convinced them that she was capable of serving on the front lines. On January 1, 1944, Reba was assigned to Naval Air Station Lakehurst, New Jersey for training as a parachute rigger. On April 1, 1944, upon completion of her training, she was sent to Naval Air Station (NAS) Melbourne, Florida, where new Naval Aviators were taught tactics, gunnery, and general flight prior to shipment overseas. During her tenure at NAS Melbourne, she was also able to participate in the drop test flights but, as one of two female riggers, she was not allowed to test jump chutes, as they were reserved only for the male riggers. Reba spent the most fulfilling days of her life, interrupted by moments of pure horror at Melbourne, as her duties included inspecting and repacking unused military parachutes and salvaging the hardware from burned parachutes, which included smelling the horrible stench of human flesh mixed with burnt aviation gas, oil, and everything involved with an airplane crash. She was later reassigned to NAS Opa Locka in November of 1944 and was released from active duty on November 24, 1945.

Following her military service, she continued to serve her community and make an impact in the lives of others. Her contributions include serving her fellow Veterans as a member of the American Legion Post 30 in Albany, Georgia and serving on the Honor Guard Burial Detail for more than two decades. Moreover, she urged her fellow vets and first responders suffering from the effects of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder to seek help.

Douglas Adams once said that "To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity." P/R 2 Reba Alexander Moncus has demonstrated through her career and life, outstanding achievement, service, and public distinction. Our community, our state, and our nation are better because of her.

Reba accomplished much in her life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of her family including her late husband, Albert Holton Harrell; and her children, and her grandchildren.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District in honoring and commending Parachute Rigger Petty Officer 2nd Class (P/R 2) Reba Alexander Moncus for her outstanding service to her nation, community, and humankind.

FURTHER RECOGNIZING CHINESE-AMERICAN WORLD WAR II VETERANS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, on November 5th, I proudly recognized dozens of Chinese-American Veterans from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who served gallantly in our United States military during World War II.

Today, I rise once again to further acknowledge additional service members who committed themselves to defending our national ideals and values in the gravest hours of that war.

Ging G. Ju, Hoi Yook Wong, Ging T. Chin, Harvey C. Young, George W. Jung, Leong Q. Yee, Poy Quon Fong, Jan Lim, William Lee Sr., Mun H. Wong, Yook Been Eng, Frank Wong Leung.

In 2018, Congress passed and the President signed into law S. 1050—The Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act, which authorized the Congressional Gold Medal to be awarded to these individuals in recognition for both their service to our Nation during a time at war and to our Nation's Chinese American community. Not only did they help in defeating our Nation's enemies, but they overcame the many challenges they and their families had due to the existence of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. As a matter of fact, 40 percent, of the Chinese who served were not even citizens of the United States at the time. It was not that they did not want to become citizens, but that they were denied that right under the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. However, due to their service and sacrifices for our Nation during WWII, Congress finally repealed this unjust law in 1943. This laid the groundwork for many of our Veterans to return home after the war and to attain the opportunities that they rightfully earned in their military service to our Nation.

I would again respectfully like our Congress today to show our appreciation and gratitude to these great Americans. We will always remember and treasure their personal sacrifices and contributions to our Nation.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF AZERBAIJAN'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, on November 10th the world saw the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh come to an end, and with it, the rightful restoration of Azerbaijan's territorial integrity.

As many Azerbaijani citizens know all too well, last year's war was not an isolated incident. After a ceasefire agreement ending the First Nagorno-Karabakh War in May of 1994, in which Armenia took approximately 14 percent of Azerbaijan's internationally recognized

territory, tensions between the two countries remained unresolved, and for good reason—the illegal seizure of these territories was in direct violation of no less than four United Nations Security Council Resolutions passed the year before (UNSCRs 822, 853, 874, and 884).

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the United States and Azerbaijan have maintained robust ties and a strong strategic partnership. Our Nation was one of the first countries to recognize Azerbaijani independence in the early 1990s, and since then, we have worked together with the Azerbaijani government to protect and promote European energy security, increase trade and investment, and combat terrorism and other transnational threats.

Azerbaijan has proven time and again to be steadfast partners, with her servicemen proudly serving shoulder-to-shoulder with U.S. Forces in Kosovo and Iraq. Azerbaijan began its peacekeeping presence in Afghanistan in 2002 and was one of the last foreign countries to withdraw its troops. In support of the U.S. mission, Azerbaijan allowed about 40 percent of all cargo destined for NATO personnel in Afghanistan to pass through their country.

One year following the end of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, I extend my best wishes to the people of Azerbaijan following the fortification of their nation's territorial integrity, and urge both Armenia and Azerbaijan to sign a definitive and final peace agreement. Peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan will boost bilateral relations between the two countries and ensure increased regional cooperation.

HONORING DR. JAMES D. ECKERT

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, Dr. James Eckert is one of many fellow Americans born stateside but whose path took him to Puerto Rico, where he raised his family and devoted himself to the development of education. His leadership in the military and educational fields touched many in our dear Island. Born on October 2, 1932, in New York City, New York, he attended the University of Southern California where he received his bachelor's degree. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, receiving a Commission as a Marine Corps Officer in 1960. His recent passing is a deeply felt loss to his family but also to the many people in Puerto Rico that were touched by him.

During his military career, he served in the Republic of South Korea and South Vietnam. He also served at sea aboard the USS *Boxer*, a 27,100-ton *Essex*-class aircraft carrier that in the late 1950's was transferred to the Atlantic Fleet as an "interim amphibious assault ship" and mainly operated in the Caribbean area with the Tenth Provisional Marine Brigade on board. While the USS *Boxer* was in Puerto Rico, Marine Officer James Eckert met his future wife Mrs. Carmen "Tata" Eckert from the town of Fajardo. Their relationship blossomed and was blessed by the arrival of 3 children who grew to become professional in their own right; Attorney Heydsha Colon, Mr. James D. Eckert and Mr. Larry E. Eckert who enriched the family with a bouquet of 5 grandchildren.

After 25 years of service and with the rank of Major, James D. Eckert retired from the United States Marine Corps with the satisfaction of having served our nation with great honor. During his military career Major Eckert's valor and leadership was recognized by various decorations, medals, badges and commendations. Upon retirement Major Eckert established his family in Puerto Rico where he pursued and obtained Master and Doctoral Degrees in Education and worked in different leadership positions ranging from High School to University level.

The Marine Corps motto of "Semper Fidelis" or Always Faithful accompanied him through his life after retirement, where his sense of duty manifested in his voluntary service in various military and civic organizations. He served as President of the Puerto Rico chapters of the Military Order of the World Wars and the Reserve Officers Association and was an active member of the Marine Corps Association, the Navy League of the United States. Respected as a leader, family man, father, grandfather and restless advocate of Puerto Rico's veteran and military community, he always demonstrated his patriotism, bravery, and courage. Without a doubt Major James D. Eckert is an example and inspiration to follow by all.

HOMETOWN HERO—EDWARD REYES

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Reyes of Carrollton, TX who served in the U.S. Army and served as an infantryman in Vietnam.

Last weekend, I had the honor of awarding Edward the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation. We honor him for his courage and bravery when entering the Army in June 1969 and being honorably discharged in May 1971.

Since then, Edward has made a great impact on his community by serving as the President of Vietnam Veterans of America Dallas Chapter, working in law enforcement, serving on the Executive Board of Directors of the American Legion Post 453, and serving in various other organizations.

Edward has always put others first and continues to make a lasting impact on the lives around him. It is an honor to recognize the distinguished veterans of TX 24, like Edward, and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans through the Congressional Veteran Commendation. I thank Edward for his service and the sacrifices he made to protect our great nation.

HONORING MICHAEL HULSIZER FOR HIS SERVICE TO KERN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Hulsizer, a constituent,

friend, educator, and dedicated public servant. Throughout his illustrious career, Michael has been a tireless advocate for students throughout Kern County and influential in shaping the policies that impact our children, teachers, and our families. After dedicating nearly 45 years of service to Kern County, Michael will be retiring from his position of Chief Deputy for Governmental Affairs for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools next month.

Michael began his career in education as a teacher at Desert High School, located in Eastern Kern County and part of the Muroc Joint Unified School District. While at Desert High, he served as teacher sponsor of the school's Mock Trial team, eventually helping to lead the 1982–83 team to win the California State Mock Trial Championship. His leadership at Desert High and passion for providing students with the best possible academic and extracurricular opportunities led him to the Kern County Superintendent of Schools' Curriculum and Accountability Division, as a History and Social Science Consultant, in 1985. In this role, Michael helped to implement the highly regarded "We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution" annual competition, during which teams of high school students throughout Kern County put their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution to the test, and developed the Kern County History Day program, which continues to be a highly popular event among Kern County students of all ages.

In the early 1990s, Michael played a leadership role, on behalf of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, in the creation of the Kern County Network for Children, a collaborative network of community-based organizations and stakeholders that aims to support Kern County's most vulnerable students. Nearly 30 years later, the Kern County Network for Children continues to serve families and at-risk youth through its collaborative model and system of family resource centers, thanks largely to Michael's leadership. In 2005, Michael brought his passion for Kern County students and civics education to our nation's capital by participating in the third annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education, hosted by the joint leadership of the United States Congress.

During his tenure as Chief Deputy for Governmental Affairs for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Michael had a hand in crafting education policy at the state and local levels and served as the primary liaison on federal education issues. He was particularly instrumental in the adoption and implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula in the State of California, and most recently helped to guide Kern County schools through the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring that they received the federal and state relief funds necessary to continue to educate students throughout Kern County.

I have had the privilege of working with Michael on issues facing students in our community since my time in the California State Assembly and have consistently sought out his opinion and guidance over the years. Michael is respected by elected officials, educators, and students alike for his deep knowledge of education policy, and has left an indelible impact in our schools, community, and the State of California. While he will no longer be with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, I have no doubt he will continue to champion causes important to him and our students. On

behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I wish him well in his retirement as he enters this new chapter in life.

CONGRATULATING ARKANSAS' NATIVE SON—CRAIG BLAIR—ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FOREST SECTOR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the successful career and retirement of Arkansas' native son and ordained Minister, Craig Blair. Throughout his almost 40-year career, Mr. Blair has set himself apart as an example to his community and his peers in the forestry sector.

Born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the son of an Arkansas school principal and a school librarian, Craig pursued a career in forestry, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from the University of Arkansas at Monticello and a Masters in Forestry Degree in Forest Business from Mississippi State University, where he was also the College of Forest Resources 2018 Alumni Fellow. Over his 39-year career, Craig held a variety of positions in the forestry sector, culminating in his appointment as President and CEO at Resource Management Service (RMS)—a firm that manages timber assets in my district—and in the forest products sector. During his more than 10-year tenure as the firm's leader, Craig oversaw a skilled and experienced team of forestry and investment professionals who built and managed portfolios of forest assets that were collectively valued at more than \$4 billion and that included investments in the United States, Australia, Brazil, China, and New Zealand. Craig became Chairman of the RMS Board of Managers on October 1, 2021.

Among his many accomplishments as President and CEO of RMS, Craig led the firm's efforts to promote diversity and inclusion within the forestry profession, developed the first open ended forest investment fund, and championed collaborative approaches to landscape and species conservation, helping to establish Conservation without Conflict. Craig has also been actively engaged in numerous forestry organizations, serving as Chair on the boards of the National Alliance of Forest Owners, the World Forestry Center, and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc., where he received the 2017 SFI President's Award.

The husband of Rita Blair for more than 34 years and father of two sons—Braden and Paul—I take this time today to celebrate Craig Blair. I am proud to call him my forestry colleague and my friend. May we always look at his work ethic and his dedication to his family, the forestry sector, and his church as an example to emulate.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER JEFFERSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson, one of the most decorated pilots in Michigan, whose heroic service as a Tuskegee Airman in World War II is being recognized in a rededication ceremony for Jefferson Field, named in his honor in Detroit, Michigan.

Born in Detroit, Michigan on the 15th of November 1921, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson grew up flying model airplanes in the same field that is now named for him. He graduated from Detroit's Chadsey High School in Detroit and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. He did graduate work in Chemistry at Howard University and earned a Master of Science in Education from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Following three months of combat training in Selfridge Field, Michigan, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson graduated from a pilot training course at the Tuskegee Army Airfield. He served as a P-51 fighter pilot with the Red Tail, 332nd Fighter Group 301st Fighter Squadron in Ramitelli, Italy. Over the course of 18 long range escort missions deep into enemy territory, he bravely provided protection from vicious enemy aircraft. His unit escorted bombers headfirst into the action. They never lost a single plane.

On August 12, 1944, three days before the invasion of Southern France, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson was shot down while firing at German radar stations on the coast. He was captured by the Germans and kept as a prisoner of war for nine months, ninety miles from Berlin. There, he witnessed firsthand the atrocities committed by the Nazis. He was liberated by the American forces on the 29th of April 1945 and was discharged from active duty in 1947. He retired from the reserves in 1969 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After the end of the war, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson became an elementary school science teacher in Detroit, where he would retire as an assistant principal in 1979. A member of various church, educational, and alumni organizations, as well as one of the founders of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airman. He is a member of the Tuskegee Airman Speaker Bureau, a life member of the Silver Falcon Association, and has served as an Admissions Counselor for the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He has received numerous awards and accolades for his bravery and his selfless service for our country, including a Purple Heart Medal, an Air Medal, a POW medal, an Air Force Achievement Medal, and many, many more. On October 14, 1995, Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson was inducted into the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame.

Please join me in recognition of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson on this celebration of his lifelong service to our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BRIDGES HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Bridges Home Rule Act. This bill would repeal a redundant 1997 federal law that makes it a crime for a person in the District of Columbia to obstruct any bridge connecting D.C. and Virginia. The District already had, and continues to have, its own local law prohibiting obstructing a bridge in the District. There is no federal law that prohibits a person in Virginia from obstructing such a bridge or a person in any state from obstructing a bridge connecting two states, and, fortunately, D.C. does not need a federal law to keep our bridges clear either.

This law is as offensive as it is redundant. It harks back to a time when a private group in D.C. attempted to block the 14th Street Bridge into Virginia, although there is no evidence that D.C. authorities failed to act. The District's local criminal law prohibiting obstructing a bridge takes care of any obstruction occurring here.

Under the 1997 federal law, "whoever in the District of Columbia knowingly and willfully obstructs any bridge connecting the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia . . . shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000, and in addition may be imprisoned not more than 30 days. . . ." Under D.C. law, a person may be subject to imprisonment and/or fines for "crowd[ing], obstruct[ing], or incommod[ing] . . . [t]he use of any street, avenue, alley, road, highway, or sidewalk."

The courts have long held that D.C. may repeal federal laws that predate the Home Rule Act of 1973 (HRA) and apply exclusively in or to the District, but have not ruled on whether D.C. may repeal post-HRA federal laws that apply exclusively in or to the District. My bill would avoid any court challenge the District could face if it tries to repeal this 1997 federal law.

This bill is an important step in increasing home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HOMETOWN HERO—JAMES VITTON

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Vitton of Dallas, TX who served in the U.S. Navy and completed over 4,600 military flight hours.

Over the weekend, I had the honor of awarding James the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation. Captain Vitton was commissioned in 1984, and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1986.

James courageously flew 341 combat hours during the Iran/Iraq War and served as the Flight Engineer Division Officer, Aircraft Division and Assistant Operations Officer.

Among many of his positions during his Operational Level of Warfare tenure, Vitton

planned and trained in over 30 major joint/combined operational exercises, including career highlight, Operation TOMODACHI: Maritime Operations Center Director of Japan's relief efforts following the devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

It is an honor to recognize the distinguished veterans of TX 24 and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans through the Congressional Veteran Commendation. I thank James for his service and the sacrifices he made to protect our great nation.

HONORING THE OTIS EDWARD
MOORE HIGHWAY IN WILLARD, MO

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Otis Edward Moore, a lifelong resident of Everton, MO.

Mr. Moore served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a maintenance worker for Mid-America Dairymen in Springfield after his service had ended. Beyond his work, Moore was actively involved with his community, joining Masonic Lodge No. 87 AF&AM in Greenfield. His family knew him as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Moore's life was tragically cut short when he was killed in a car accident on Highway 160 in Willard. He was 61 at the time he passed away in 1983. Now, nearly 40 years later, a stretch of Highway 160, from West Bypass to County Road 115, has been named in honor of Moore. The new Otis E Moore Memorial Highway will be dedicated on Monday, November 22nd of this year.

Madam Speaker, Otis Moore exhibited a life of service. Service to his nation and service to his community. It is only fitting that a portion of Highway 160 be named in his memory.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE
AND RETIREMENT OF MIRIAM
FLORES

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miriam Flores, a dedicated public servant from Missouri's Fourth Congressional District.

After 14 years of service with the Missouri Veterans Commission, Miriam will officially retire on November 30, 2021. During her time with the Missouri Veterans Commission, Miriam has been the first person with whom veterans and their family members see whenever they come to the Commission offices. While her role has officially been the Senior Office Support Assistant located in the St. Robert office, everyone knew Miriam went well beyond her role to impact people's lives in meaningful ways. She was the friendly smile and compassionate voice to veterans seeking assistance and the support for many Veteran Service Officers, always looking for ways to make their jobs easier and more efficient to serve those who served. During her tenure, she was the

main administrative contact person for the southwestern and the new central region of Missouri.

After her retirement, Miriam is looking forward to spending more time with her children and grandchildren. Please join me in congratulating Miriam Flores for her dedicated service to Missouri's veterans and their families.

CONGRATULATING MUNSEY MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH ON 150 YEARS OF SHARING
CHRIST'S LOVE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church in Johnson City in the First Congressional District of Tennessee as they celebrate 150 years of sharing the love of Christ in their community and throughout the world. Built of handmade bricks at a cost of four thousand dollars in 1871, Munsey, known then as East Market Street Methodist Church, was part of the heritage of the early Methodist circuit riders that brought the gospel to the pioneer settlements of the American Frontier. Just three decades later, the church had outgrown that initial structure and relocated to their present address on the corner of Roan and Market Streets and, in 1908, renamed the church in memory of their brilliant, self-taught pulpit preacher, Reverend William E. Munsey.

Their new, modern facility attracted many new congregants, so many, in fact, that the church doubled in size in just three years. Growth and expansion continued with the addition of an indoor swimming pool in 1949 and the establishment of a preschool program in 1950. While the pool closed due to structural issues in 2001, the preschool continues to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for two-, three- and four-year-old children and is the oldest state accredited preschool program in Tennessee.

As the sharing of the good news of Christ continued so did the growth of the church, necessitating the building of a new sanctuary in 1955. Munsey continued to be a beacon of God's love over the next several years. This display of love was never more evident than on Christmas Eve 1989 when a terrible fire at the John Sevier Center, a low-income residential high-rise across the street from the church, claimed the lives of sixteen residents. Services were cancelled as the church became a triage center for those escaping the horror and a location for families to be reunited. Members spent the evening bringing food, blankets, and comfort to victims and first responders. Following that fire, a new ministry, The Melting Pot, was born which grew from providing a Saturday morning breakfast for those residents to working cooperatively with Good Samaritan Ministries to provide breakfast every morning and lunch five days a week. Now, that same Melting Pot offers the Open Door worship service as an outreach to downtown.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church as they celebrate 150 years of ministering to the needs of their community, region, and world. They represent

the strong faith of the First Congressional District of Tennessee, and I am proud to represent them and wish them great success in the next 150 years.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 17

Time to be announced

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Alanna McCargo, of Virginia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, and Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

S-207

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

SD-215

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 594, to double the existing penalties for the provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, S.

1127, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, S. 2699, to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, the nominations of Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, focusing on U.S. policy lessons learned.

SD-G50/VTC

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture.

SR-301

1 p.m.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine the nexus between the illicit drug trade and corruption.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management

To hold hearings to examine security, trade, and travel flows at the Southwest border ports of entry, focusing on the Federal government perspective.

SD-342/VTC

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 648, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1364, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, H.R. 1975, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, H.R. 2088, to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, S. 1621, to reauthorize and limit the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Small Business Administration, the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and other pending calendar business.

SR-428A

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine cryptocurrency, focusing on digital assets and the role of government.

CHOB-210

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1296, to require a pilot program on activities under the Transition Assistance Program for a reduction in suicide among veterans, S. 1564, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, S. 1607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve how the Department of Veterans Affairs discloses to individuals entitled to educational assistance from the Department risks associated with using such assistance at particular educational institutions and to restore entitlement of students to such assistance who are pursuing programs of education at educational institutions that are subject to Federal or State civil enforcement action, S. 1664, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder, S. 1838, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on using alternative credit scoring information for veterans and members of the Armed Forces, S. 1850, to preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery, S. 1881, to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers, S. 1936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of entitlement under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs by reason of school closures due

to emergency and other situations, S. 2089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, S. 2329, to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 2405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, S. 2431, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General, S. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the application and review process of the Department of Veterans Affairs for clothing allowance claims submitted by veterans, S. 2644, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 2687, to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority, S. 2761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, S. 3047, to establish a pilot program to support medical residency and fellowship programs that assist veterans, S. 3094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve homeless veterans reintegration programs, S. 3163, to improve access to medical examinations required by veterans to obtain disability compensation or pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill entitled, "Veterans Benefits Improvement Act".

SR-418

NOVEMBER 18

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2629, to establish cybercrime reporting mechanisms, and the nominations of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Mary Katherine Dimke, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Charlotte N. Sweeney, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Jennifer L. Thurston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Hernan D. Vera, and Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, both to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Saule T. Omarova, of New York, to be Comptroller of the Currency.

SD-538/VTC

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine inclusive disaster management, focusing on improving preparedness, response, and recovery.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 172 and H.R. 1664, bills to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 180, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 270, to amend the Act entitled "Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas" to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, S. 491, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in the York River watershed in the State of Maine as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 535, to authorize the location of a memorial on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, S. 554 and H.R. 297, bills to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the establishment of, and the potential land that could be included in, a unit of the National Forest System in the State of Hawaii, S. 569, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land to the State of South Dakota, S. 609, to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws, S. 753, to reauthorize the Highlands Conservation Act, to authorize States to use funds from that Act for administrative purposes, S. 904,

to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation, S. 990, to reauthorize the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, S. 1317, to modify the boundary of the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 1318, to reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, S. 1320, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1321, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, S. 1354, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chilkoot National Historic Trail and to provide for a study of the Alaska Long Trail, S. 1583, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, S. 1589, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 1620, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the city of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in the State of Louisiana, S. 1631, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona to the Arizona Board of Regents, S. 1771, to authorize reference to the museum located at Blytheville/Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville, Arkansas, as the "National Cold War Center", S. 1964, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, S. 2158, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 2433, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a cadastre of Federal real property, S. 2490, to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas, S. 2524, to amend

the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility or certain programs, H.R. 1192, to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as "PROMESA"), H.R. 2497, to establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a Unit of the National Park System, H.R. 4300, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and an original bill to reauthorize funding for certain National Heritage Areas.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine vaccine diplomacy in Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on the importance of U.S. engagement.

SD-419/VTC

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Erik Adrian Hooks, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Laurel A. Blatchford, of the District of Columbia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, and Ebony M. Scott, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342/VTC

10:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine confronting the Kremlin and Communist corruption.

SD-G50